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WEST VIRGINIA -- Shorn wool production in West Virginia during 2002 totaled 174,000 pounds, down 3 percent from the 2001 production of 180,000 pounds. **Sheep and lambs shorn** during 2002 totaled 28,000 head, down 2,000 head from the number shorn in 2001. The **fleece weight** averaged 6.2 pounds, up from 6.0 pounds in 2001.

The average **price per pound** was \$0.22, down \$0.01 from the 2001 price. The **total value of production** was \$38,000 dollars, unchanged from the 2001 value.

UNITED STATES -- Shorn wool production in the United States during 2002 was 41.2 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2001. **Sheep and lambs shorn** totaled 5.45 million head, down 4 percent from 2001. Average **fleece weight** of shorn wool was 7.5 pounds, down 0.1 pound from the previous year.

The average **price paid** for wool sold in 2002 was \$0.53 per pound for a **total value** of \$21.8 million dollars, up 42 percent from \$15.3 million dollars in 2001.

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